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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-13	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
		Claims		NO
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- 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)
 - Document 1: WO 02/103825 A1 (Showa Denko Kabushiki Kaisha), 27 December 2002, abstract and claims
 - Document 2: JP 2001-35494 A (NEC Corp.), 09 February 2001, examples
 - Document 3: JP 2-269124 A (Director General of the Agency of Industrial Science and Technology), 02

 November 1990, claims
 - Document 4: EP 420417 Al (International Business Machines Corp.), 03 April 1991, entire text
 - Document 5: JP 6-316635 A (SRI International), 15

 November 1994, abstract, claims and
 paragraph [0001]

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 13 are not disclosed in any of documents 1 to 5, which are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Documents 1 to 4 disclose quinoxaline compounds with base skeleton structures that are identical or similar to those of the compounds represented by formula (1) from the inventions set forth in the present application, and also disclose polymers thereof. However,

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documents 1 to 4 do not disclose or suggest configurations in which the aforementioned quinoxaline compounds are diamines, and said polymers are not polyimides that can be obtained by reacting a diamine and a tetracarboxylic acid component. In addition, document 5 discloses liquid crystal polymers that have quinoxaline skeletons, but the structures thereof are different from those of the compounds from the inventions set forth in the present application. Meanwhile, the inventions set forth in the present application can be said to exhibit an effect whereby it is possible to provide polymers that exhibit charge carrier transport properties in addition to superior heat resistance characteristics, coating strength characteristics and thin film formation properties as a result of introducing a specific quinoxaline skeleton into the main chain of the polyimide.